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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicant recommends that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicant requests the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicant requests that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

The Applicant also wishes to bring the following commonly assigned pending patent application to the attention of the Examiner. The application is cited on Form PTO-1449, however a copy of the application is not included herewith. The Examiner is requested to obtain a copy of such reference from Art Unit 1615.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/012,999 filed November 13, 2001, by S. Malik for  
"Multicomponent Compositions Containing Chitosan and Methods of Preparing Same".

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Respectfully submitted,

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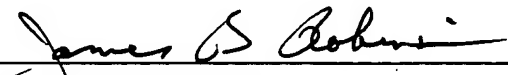
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